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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING AN)	
ELECTRONIC COLOR)	
INFORMATION DATA FILE AND)	
PROCESS FOR COLOR)	
COMMUNICATION)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir or Madam:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5 and 10 as follows:

5. (Amended) Process according to claim 3, wherein an explanatory description is associated with the data object of the uppermost level of the hierarchy and/or the data objects respectively subordinate to a data object, which explanatory description defines the respective data objects and is stored in the color information file in defined relation to the respective data objects.

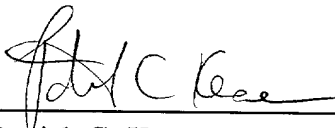
10. (Amended) Process according to claim 2, wherein the step of storing of the information data which are associated with the color sample or color samples and identify, characterize or complement the color sample or samples is carried out by arbitrarily selecting from a predefined group of data object types.

REMARKS

These amendments were made to remove multiple-dependency in claims 5 and 10.
Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-up Claims 5 and 10

5. (Amended) Process according to claim 3 [or 4], wherein an explanatory description is associated with the data object of the uppermost level of the hierarchy and/or the data objects respectively subordinate to a data object, which explanatory description defines the respective data objects and is stored in the color information file in defined relation to the respective data objects.

10. (Amended) Process according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the step of storing of the information data which are associated with the color sample or color samples and identify, characterize or complement the color sample or samples is carried out by arbitrarily selecting from a predefined group of data object types.